



**Boston Connects, Incorporated**  
**Boston Empowerment Zone**  
2201 Washington Street

**BOARD MINUTES**  
June 22, 2004

**Members Present:** George Greenidge-*President*, Robert Kinney-*Vice President*, Gloria Coney-*Clerk*, Joelee Baker Bey, Ralph Cooper, Julia Flashner, Michael Glavin, Betty Greene, Mark Maloney, Valerie Pruitt, Charlotte Golar Richie, Jayne Talbot and Juanita Wade

**Members Absent:** Mike Foley-*Treasurer*, Elizabeth Miranda, Freddie Umeh and Roberta Williams

**BCI Staff:** Christine Araujo, Shirley Carrington, Sherry O'Brien

**Ex-Officio:** Senator Dianne Wilkerson

**EDIC Staff:** Ken Barnes, Michelle Trousil

**Guests:** Vesper Barnes, Cheryl Snyder

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Mr. Greenidge called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Introductions were made. Mr. Greenidge formally welcomed Mrs. Greene back after her hospitalization and recuperation.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Approval of the May 25, 2004 Business Meeting subject to the following spelling corrections: Senator Dianne Wilkerson and Valerie Pruitt. In reference to Mr. Baker Bey's comments under Approval of Minutes, delete reference to Robert's Rules.

By: Mr. Cooper                      Second: Ms. Coney  
Recused: 0                      Abstained: 0                      Opposed: 0

**Motion: Carried**

**Motion:** To schedule the next Board meeting for September. In the event there is a need for emergency action, the Executive Committee of the Board is authorized to act on behalf of the Board.

By: Mr. Cooper                      Second: Mrs. Greene  
Recused: 0                      Abstained: 0                      Opposed: 0

**Motion: Carried**

**2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**



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Mr. Greenidge announced that BCI was mentioned in a Boston Globe article on June 3, 2004 regarding the future of the Ferdinand Building. There is space available in the BCI office for any Board member to do Board related business.

Mr. Greenidge introduced Attorney Vesper Barnes who has been retained by BCI to review the two Conflict of Interest statement drafts. The first draft was done by a BCI sub committee and the second was drafted by EDIC legal staff. After much discussion regarding the pro's and con's of both statements, the Board could not come to consensus regarding which statement would work best, but did agree that an ad hoc committee would meet in July, with appropriate legal counsel to develop a recommendation to the Board for the September BCI Board meeting. Committee members include: Mr. Glavin, Mr. Kinney, Mr. Maloney, Ms. Wade, Sen. Wilkerson and Ms. Araujo.

### **3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Araujo thanked board members for attending the press conference on New Market Tax Credits which was held at Palmer Street. She thanked Mayor Menino, Ms. Golar Richie and Sen. Wilkerson for acknowledging BCI in their comments. The Crosstown Open House and Ribbon Cutting will occur on June 30, 2004 starting at 5 p.m. Ms. Araujo distributed a hand out which included: correspondence about the Executive Service Corps training; a letter from Stanley Jones Clean Slate; an article from the Boston Globe; and a flyer on the CORI workshop which will take place on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. She informed the Board that an Ex-Offender Advisory Committee meeting will occur on Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at BCI.

Sen. Wilkerson and Mr. Maloney provided an update on DPH. The Senator mentioned that the local elected officials had met to discuss the short term strategy to keep the focus on DPH. The issue was complicated when it was learned last week that the Roxbury Children's Services building was under agreement. Brownfields remediation needs to occur on the adjacent Modern site which combined with this property was targeted to provide retail and parking for the DPH building.

Mr. Maloney stated that he understood that a local developer had been in contact with HUD Washington requesting certain information about Developable sites. Ms. Araujo stated that she had met with the developer several months ago describing the process for the designation of a Developable site. In conversation with HUD she had understood that the letter had been submitted and received a copy from HUD. She assumed that the attorney was doing a due diligence. Discussion centered on the appropriateness of the development team contacting HUD without a cc: to BCI.

### **4. PROCUREMENTS**

Ms. Araujo presented information on the support for the Fatherhood initiative and the need for additional funding to make the investment meaningful.

**Motion:** Invest \$100,000 in Goal B4 to support the Fatherhood Development Program in a two-year contract. The additional \$80,000 will be allocated to this initiative from the un-programmed Health and Well-Being funds. BCI staff is authorized to issue an RFP in conformance with the standards as indicated.

By: Mr. Baker Bey Second: Ms. Wade

Recused:0

Abstained: 0

Opposed: 0

**Motion: Carried**



Additionally, Ms. Araujo presented information which culminated in the following :

**Motion:** This vote authorizes the Executive Director, on behalf of BCI, to enter into a contract with the following organization to provide organizational assessment services to Community and Faith based organizations in the Empowerment Zone: Marsha Morris & Associates, Int'l up to \$78,142.50

By: Mr. Baker Bey Second: Ms. Coney

Recused:0

Abstained: 1 (Mrs. Greene) Opposed:1 (Ms. Wade)

**Motion: Carried**

**5. Other Business**

Ms. Wade announced that she would be leaving her position with the City by the end of July. The Board offered a round of applause for all her efforts on behalf of the Empowerment Zone.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

A true record attest:

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Gloria Coney, Clerk

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Date

